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SUBJECT: SHIFTS IN LITHUANIAN HIERARCHY

1. VATICAN SEMI-OFFICIAL DAILY "OSSERVATORE RAMANO" ANNOUNCED  
JULY 7 FOLLOWING CHANGES IN LITHURANIAN HIERARCHY:

A. MSGR. KIUDAS POVILONIS, PREVIOUSLY AUXILIARY BISHOP OF  
TELSIAI AND KLAIPEDA, TO BE BISHOP COADJUTOR WITH RIGHT OF SUCCESSION  
TO JOSEF MATULATIS-LABUKAS, APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF KAUNAS AND  
VILKAVISKIS.

B. MSGR. ROMUALD KRIKSCIUNAS, FORMERLY AUXILIARY BISHOP  
OF KAUNES AND VILKAVISKIS TO BE APOSTOLIC ADMINISTROATOR OF PANEVEZYS.

2. VATICAN HAS INFORMED US THEY MOST PLEASED WITH THESE CHANGES,  
WHICH HAVE BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR SOME TIME, SINCE SMOOTH  
SUCCESSION TO AGED MATULAITIS-LABUKAS OF KAUNAS IS NOW ASSURED.  
POVILONIS IS 62 AND KRIKSCIUNAS IS 43. VATICAN WAS NOT INVOLVED IN  
SEEKING APPROVAL OF SOVIET AUTHORITIES. THIS WAS DONE BY CHURCH  
AUTHORITIES IN LITHUANIA. VOLPE

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